

Curfew Law for Gay Congressmen And Cabinet, Suggests Daniels

Vice President Marshall Says
Social Events Are Part of
Official Duties.

Social Lobbying Not Found and
Men in Public Life Give
Views of "Dining Out."

Do social dissipations in high
official life in Washington inter-
fere with Uncle Sam's business?

Vague intimations of the tre-
mendous pressure of the social
game as played in the Capital have
been heard. But here are the first
definite statements from Vice Pres-
ident Marshall, from Cabinet mem-
bers, and from U. S. Senators, of
their impressions of society in
Washington.

Does social lobbying play a
part in Government affairs? Some
of these officials have definite opin-
ions on that subject. One relates an
amusing effort at social lobbying
that failed.

By J. R. HILDEBRAND.

"Washington ought to have an
official curfew law. Cabinet mem-
bers and Congressmen should be in
bed by 11:30 o'clock, or by midnight,
at the latest."

This from Secretary of the Navy
Daniels.

"Dining out is a part of my official
duties as Vice President," said
Vice President Marshall. "I had an
engagement every evening from
early in January until the beginning
of Lent. I accepted because I wanted
to be seen by the public."

But the real surprise came when
Secretary of the Interior Lane, gen-
erally admitted to be one of the
hardest working men in Washington
public life, described an evening's
social "diversion," after a
day at the office, as "a most agree-
able and refreshing thing."

Recently Secretary Lane attended
a reception early in the evening,
hurried away to a fashionable din-
ner, and after that went to another
function where he made a speech.
He arrived home a little before mid-
night and then, to save himself
from a too early grave, went through
a rigorous program of physical exer-
cises laid down for him by a physi-
cultural expert.

Too Much Extravagance.

But there was not a word of com-
plaint from any of these officials.
Many Senators agreed that there
were few men in either house of
Congress who indulged in the
social whirl to the point of disas-
trousness. But they deplored the ex-
travagance of much of the enter-
taining in Washington, and one or
two feared for the conditions
back home where there was "more
sociability and less show," as one
Senator expressed it.

Vice President Marshall is not
one of the men who believes un-
official Washington to be blame-
less for leading public servants astray.
"My official duties are light," he
said, "and dining out is a part of
my official program. I am sup-
posed to accept the dinner invita-
tions the President must decline,
and so help preserve the Executive
digestion."

But in doing so the Vice Presi-
dent let it be known that he is care-
ful of his own health. He said he
wanted it understood that he is com-
plaining because of his busy even-
ings in society.

"I would not say a word that
would reflect on the courtesy and
good heartedness of the members of
Washington," he explained. "Per-
haps I have gone around more than
a man of my age should. But these
people invited me because they
wanted me, and I accepted because
I wanted to go."

No Social Lobbying.

"I do not believe my health has
suffered because of dining out. I
drink nothing, and I eat sparingly.
If I do not get home until mid-
night I do not get up until 9 the
next morning."

As for the so-called social
lobbying, I have seen none of it.
I am such a useless sort of fellow
that I would not know if there
were any."

But in my round of dinner par-
ties, I never heard of public mat-
ters referred to in any but the most
trivial or joking way. There has
been no attempt to discuss seri-
ously. If any talks did so, they got
out in a corner for their talk."

While philosophizing in this vein,
the Vice President was primed upon
the lid of a box of cigars which he
said, had been sent him by a friend
who had heard of his complaint that
a man could not buy a good cigar
for 5 cents in this country.

"I get through work by 7 o'clock
frequently," he said, "and I enjoy
going out to dinner, so I feel at
liberty to go. I go to bed at 11:30
or 12 o'clock, and I am gener-
ally in bed by midnight. That en-
ables me to get back to the office
at 8 or 9 o'clock."

"I have not noticed that dinner
engagements interfere either with my
work or with my health. The per-
sonal equation must enter into a
man's social life. And I am fortu-
nate in requiring less sleep than
many men."

Senator Knyon of Iowa was quoted
as saying, in a Philadelphia speech,
that the social dissipation among
members of Congress was interfer-
ing with public business. Senator
Knyon did not say that, but he has
taken to the storm cellar on the en-
tire subject. He never has been
able to catch up to the original story,
so he even has ceased issuing de-
nials, but he has been busy ever
since explaining to his colleagues he
made no such sweeping assertion.

Daniels Wants Curfew Law.

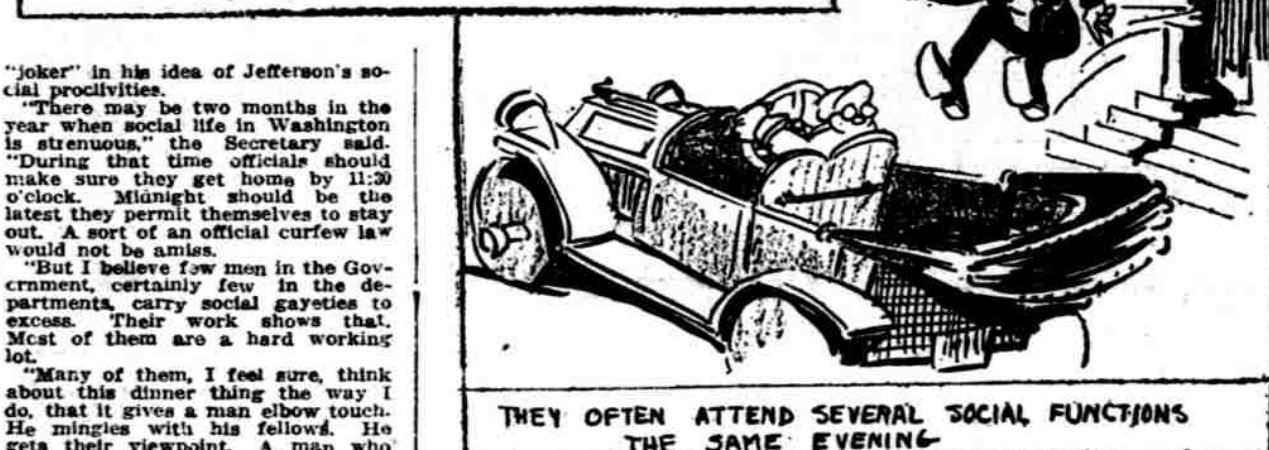
Secretary Daniels believes social
life here has a positive value for the
public man. If it is not overdone,
he wants a return to the Jefferson-
ian idea in entertaining, but note the



1914. DANIELS ADVOCATES AN OFFICIAL CURFEW LAW



THE VICE PRESIDENT, WHO IS THE OFFICIAL EATER FOR THE PRESIDENT, HAS TO EAT HIS WAY THROUGH HIS TERM OF OFFICE. HE HAS ATTENDED A BANQUET EVERY NIGHT SINCE THE FIRST OF THE YEAR.



THEY OFTEN ATTEND SEVERAL SOCIAL FUNCTIONS THE SAME EVENING.

"joker" in his idea of Jefferson's so-
cial productivity.

"There may be two months in the
year when social life in Washington
is strenuous," the Secretary said.
"During that time officials should
make sure they get home by 11:30
o'clock. Midnight should be the
latest they permit themselves to stay
out. A sort of an official curfew law
would not be amiss."

But I believe few men in the Gov-
ernment, certainly few in the de-
partments, carry social gaiety to
excess. Their work shows that.
Most of them are a hard working
lot.

"Many of them, I feel sure, think
about this dinner thing the way I
do. It gives a man elbow room.
He mingles with his fellows. He
gets their viewpoint. A man who
is engaged in a dinner with Norman
Hagood or with C. W. Post or any
such philosophers will gain new
ideas."

"Jefferson set us Democrats a good
example in that direction after he
returned from Paris. You remember
he entertained frequently and con-
tinuously. He attended many din-
ners."

"All of these the President was
singularly silent. He let others do
the talking. He did the listening.
And on his own testimony he gained
much information and got new view-
points from this social indulgence."

"The man who tangles all night
in overdoing things, I am sure,
I said, few do that. Most of the
Cabinet officials do not leave their
offices until 6 o'clock. Like myself,
they get down at 9:30 o'clock or
even earlier."

What Senators Say.

Varying views of the social pres-
sure on men in public life was dis-
cussed by talks with Senators. All
of them denied that social lobbying
was prevalent in Washington.

Several of them cited one recent
amusing incident. An attempt to
influence legislation on a minor mat-
ter by a well-known resident of the
"Avenue of the Presidents." She
wanted that street name to be main-
tained. Several Senators laughingly
described the manner in which
she bombarded members of the up-
per house with invitations, irrespec-
tive of her previous acquaintance
with them. Most of these invita-
tions were declined, and the guest
upper body again demonstrated its
freedom from lobbyist, social, "im-
mortal" or "other" more.

Sensor Vandaman is one of the
few men who came forward with
the assertion that social life is
"overdone" here.

"I believe there is too great a
demand upon the Senators for atten-
dant at social functions when there
is more serious business to be
conducted," he said. "Now, I am
a Senator, and I believe in social
life. There is always work ahead on his
desk. He can not afford any great
amount of diversion, social or other-
wise, for there is no catching up."

"No Time For Society."

If you do not believe the average
Senator is a hard working person
with little time for the mere friv-
olities of existence, take it from Sen-
ator James Hamilton. Lewis. He
revealed that dim and distant past,
when, as a Congressman, he ad-
mitted to having time for considerable
social circulation.

"But that time has gone," he
pleadingly reminded. "Now, I am
right at work all the time. I do
not know a thing about the social
side of Washington now. I am too
busy for that."

From the tips of his pink whiskers
to the ends of his new spats, the
Illinois legislator typified the new
sort of Senator, a bustling, busy,
animated, dynamic being, in marked
contrast to the stately dignitaries of
the bygone days when the upper
house was known as the "country's
richest club."

Far from deploring the addition
of public men to social affairs,
Senator Miller Polkster believes a
long felt want in humor in public
life would be supplied if they would
"go out" more.

"As a casual observer, I would
say that social activity is not over-
done by public men and does not
interfere with public business. As
a matter of fact the 'business' of
some of our public affairs would be
improved by a touch of the 'society
of nations.'"

"Social life in Washington, in its
proper sense, is, on the whole, quite
different from political life. Nearly

TROOPERS IN DRILL THRILL SPECTATORS

Cavalry and Artillerymen Per-
form Stirring Feats While
Society Folk Look On.

Many members of fashionable and of-
ficial society, including Maj. Gen. Leon-
ard Wood, Assistant Secretary of War
Breckinridge, Senator and Mrs. Warren,
attended the second of the series of
drills given in the hall at Fort Myer
by troops of the Fifth Cavalry and
the members of the Second Battalion,
Third Field Artillery. The drills are
for the benefit of the army Y. M. C. A.
and the annual military horse show.

Of the many exciting events, the
most thrilling was the mounted fencing
event. Two picked squads from
Troop M, of the Fifth Cavalry, with
Lieut. John Millikin commanding, rushed
together from opposite sides of the
large drill hall when the bugle sounded
and clashed, to all appearances, in mortal
combat. Their heavy swords were
made of wood, however, and the fences
were clad in heavily padded jackets and
thick helmets. So no harm was done.

The jumping contest, in which twelve
horsesmen from the enlisted ranks, with
Lieut. A. H. Carter, Third Field Artil-
lery, commanding, was another in-
teresting event.

Other events were the bareback drill,
Troop K, Fifth Cavalry, First Lieut. C.
W. Stewart, Fifth Cavalry, command-
ing; musical drill, Troop L, Fifth Cavalry,
Capt. E. A. Sturges, Fifth Cavalry,
commanding; mounted wrestling, Troop K, Fifth Cavalry, Capt.
C. R. Day, Fifth Cavalry, commanding;
tandem drill, Troop L, Fifth Cavalry,
Lieut. G. L. Morrison, Fifth Cavalry,
commanding; battery drill, Battery F,
Third Field Artillery, Capt. F. H. Gal-
lop, Third Field Artillery, commanding.
The last of the drills will be held Fri-
day afternoon, when Secretary Garrison
will be the reviewing officer.

Charges "Incompatibility" After 43 Years' Happiness

SALEM, Mass., March 28.—Mrs. Ida
F. Morse, tomorrow will sue for di-
vorce on the grounds of "incompati-
bility," discovered by her after forty-
three years of happy married life. One
of her children is forty-two years old.

Will Talk to Blind.

Mrs. Marie Fletcher Kent, daughter
of Senator Duncan, U. S. Senator of Flor-
ida, will give an account of the tour
of the American committee on agri-
cultural developments in European
countries at the entertainment for the
officers of the National Library, at the
Blind, 172 H street northwest, tomor-
row night at 8 o'clock.

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THE FISHERMAN

Now that the spring weather is warming the fisherman's heart,
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to the interests of sportsmen of the District who are devotees
of rod and line.

The Times would like to publish information as to where to go,
how to get there, what the accommodations are in the way of
boats and bait and the prospects of a satisfactory day from those
who know. The information will be vastly appreciated by the
less fortunate members of the brotherhood of anglers.

Write and tell us of your recent trip, how you got there, what you
found, the kind of bait used, whether you procured it on the
spot, or had to bring it with you, and any other items of useful
information.

POSTAL SERVICE IS OPERATED AT LOSS

First Quarter of Fiscal Year
Shows Deficit of Nearly
Three Millions.

The postal service for the first quar-
ter of the present fiscal year operated
at a loss, according to the report of the
Auditor for the Postoffice Department.
The audited revenues of the postal serv-
ice for the period from July 1 to Sep-
tember 30, 1913, aggregated \$64,628,783.95;
the audited expenditures \$67,548,569.02;
and postal funds lost by burglary, fire,
bad debts, etc., \$1,215.47. The excess of
audited expenditures and postal funds
lost over audited revenues was \$3,-
756,412.64.

An increase of \$13,303,783.06 in the value
of domestic money orders issued, as
compared with the same quarter in 1912,
was shown, and an increase of \$4,661,-
483.34 in international money orders.

The gross receipts of the Washington
city postoffice during the quarter were
\$359,963.31. Although franked matter
represents nearly three-fourths of the
Washington city postoffice mail, the receipts
of the Washington office were greater
than those of the States of Delaware, Ariz-
ona, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New
Hampshire, New Mexico, North Dakota,
South Carolina, Utah, Vermont, or
Wyoming.

A banquet and entertainment was
given by the International Brotherhood
of Bookbinders, Local No. 4, in the
Saugerbund club rooms last night. One
hundred and thirty members were pres-
ent. A minstrel show was given.

WOMEN GET SEATS FOR PRIZE FIGHTS

Cambridge Aghast at Militia-
men's Wives Taking Ring-
side Places at Bouts.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., March 23.—The
first time in the history of Massachu-
setts that women have attended a prize
fight will be next Thursday night at
the Cambridge armory, unless a storm
of protest, aroused today when the
facts accidentally became public, fails
to prevent the bout.

The plan was devised by the officers
and men of Company E, Eighth Regi-
ment, M. V. M., who are trying to
raise funds for a trip to St. John, N. E.,
where on Queen Mary's birthday they
will be the guests of the Sixty-second
Pushers. The officers examined the
incorporation papers of their athletic
association and found that women, un-
der a special clause, were eligible to
associate membership.

Arrangements were made for a ten-
round bout between Jack "Fitz" McIl-
van and "Rocky" Frazar, a number
of preliminary bouts, and the intention
was to keep all details secret until after
the bout. Upward of 30 women al-
ready have planned to attend the
fight, and many ring-side seats already
have been sold to officers of the club
and their wives.

Speaks on Chinese.

Charles P. Nesbit, superintendent of
insurance of the District, delivered an
address on "The Chinese Question,"
before the Society for the Study of
Socialism of George Washington Uni-
versity, at 2022 G street northwest, last
night.

Released When He Proves He Made No Disturbance

Louis Berman, a merchant, of 28 M
street southwest, proved his innocence
of the charge of being disorderly on
a Ninth street car Friday when he
told Judge Pugh in the Police Court
yesterday that "they got the wrong dis-
turber." Berman said that he was not
disorderly and that the motorman of
the car threw him off without provoca-
tion. He said he was compelled to
stay in jail more than an hour, "and
the motorman was allowed to go free."
Other witnesses said Berman was not
disorderly, and on motion of Attorney
Robert I. Miller, Judge Pugh dismissed
the case.

Eastern High School Cadets Plan for Camp

Forty cadets of Company F, Eastern
High School, are awaiting permission
from Superintendent E. L. Thurston
for a five-day encampment in Virginia
during the Easter holidays. The boys
plan to conduct the camp in military
order.

FRECKLES

February and March Bring Out Un-
sightly Spots. How to Remove
Them.

The woman with tender skin dreads
February and March because they are
likely to cover her face with ugly
freckles. No matter how thick her
veil, the sun and winds have a strong
tendency to make her freckle.
Fortunately for her peace of mind
the recent discovery of a new pre-
scription, othine—double strength,
makes it possible for even those most
susceptible to freckles to keep their
skin clear and white. No matter how
stubborn a case of freckles you have,
the double strength othine should re-
move them.

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